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PASS TO JOHN CRAWFORD FROM OPIC

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CABLE OF DECEMBER 19 CONCERNING TOOL
PROJECT, AVOCADO PROJECT AND ANIMAL KILL FIGURES.
UNFORTUNATELY, SMITH LETTER TO GREGG OF DECEMBER 4 NEVER
RECEIVED BY OPIC.

2. OPIC HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM IVOIR-OUTILS. WE RECOGNIZE
THEY HAVE CONCLUDED AGREEMENT WITH MARTINDALE OF UK CONCERN-
ING MACHETE MANUFACTURING. IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN OTHER
PRODUCTS WITH U.S. FIRM OR IF ANOTHER IVORIAN COMPANY IS
INTERESTED IN MAKING TOOLS WITH U.S. FIRM, OPIC WILL CON-
TINUE TO PROMOTE. WE ARE LOOKING TO EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE
IN DEVELOPING THIS PROJECT.

3. AVOCADOS LOOK LIKE A NON-STARTER AND OPIC WILL TREAT
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AS SUCH.

4. OPIC MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT A AND B AGRIBUSINESS AND
TAPE CATTLE RANCH PROSPECTS. OPIC IS CONSIDERING FEASIBI-
LITY SURVEY ASSISTANCE FOR A AND B AGRIBUSINESS TO CONDUCT
IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE PROJECT. WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED
OF PROGRESS ON THIS PROJECT AS IT EVOLVES. SEASONS
GREETINGS. KISSINGER

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